certain genetic abnormalities and diseases and under certain specific circumstances;

(3) Such techniques will be carried out only in genetic counselling centers, genetic laboratories and genetic clinics registered for the purpose. Existing institutions carrying out these techniques will have to get registered within a specified time;

(4) Before a woman is subjected to pre-natal diagnostic procedures, her written consent will have to be obtained after explaining to her the side and after effects of these procedures;

(5) A Central Supervisory Board will be set up at the Central level to review implementation of this legislation, to recommend changes in the Rules. and to create public awareness against the practice of female foeticide. It will comprise 15 official and non-official members (including medical professionals and representatives of women welfare organisations) with the Minister in charge of Family Welfare;

(6) Appropriate Authorities will be appointed in the States/Union Territories with powers to grant registration, ensure compliance of the provisions of the legislation, lay down and enforce standards and investigate complaints into malpractices. The Appropriate Authorities would be assisted by Advisory Committees comprising non-officials including social workers/representatives of Women's organisations.

(7) There wll be punishment for violation of the legislation for owners of centres, laboratories and clinics; the women undergoing such procedures and members of her family and other persons connected with such violations. The offences punishable under the legislation shall be cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable.

Opening of training schools for multi-purpose health workers

*513. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's cossideration to open new schools in Andhra Pradesh during Eighth Five Year Plan to train multi-purpose Health workers MPW(M);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR-: (a) to (c) There is no poposal under consideration of Government for establishing new Male Multipurpose Health Workers' [MPW(M)] Schools. MPW (M) are trained in Health & Welfare Training Centres (HFWTCs) as well as in MPW (M) Schools. There are four HFWTCs and six MPW (M) Schools in Andhra Pradesh. These are sufficient for undertaking the training of MPW (M)s required by the State Government.

Discovery of a protein for contraception

*514. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 14th July, 1992 regarding discovery and isolation of a protein by researchers at the Indian Institute of Science which could have vital applications in contraception;

(b) whether the research has also been conducted on the likely side-effects of the contraception; and

(c) whether any study has been conducted on the viability of its use by

public at large and what would be its like cost when introduced in the market?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMIL WELFARE (SHR I M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and the Institute for Research in Reproduction, Bombay have been carrying out research on the role of Vitamin Carrier Protein in the maintenance of pregnancy. These studies have, so far. been carried out on animals . The initial results indicate that by neutralisng protein carrier, the Vitamin Rivoflavin is prevented from reachnig the foetus causing foetal degeneration and death. As such, the process may have potential for contraception or pregnancy termination.

Toxicity studies to determine the side effects of the process will have to be undertaken after results of the initial studies are well established. In view of the preliminary nature of the studies so far undertaken, the queston of public use of the method does not arise at this stage.

Implementation of recommendations of Bal Krishnan Committee

*515. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from some political parties in Delhi demanding for the implementation of Bal Krishnan Committee's recommendations about three separate corporations in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN):

(a) to (c) The Committee on the Re-organisation of Delhi Set-up known as Balakrishnan Committee had observed that with the large increase in the population of Delhi and its distribution in far-flung areas, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has become un-wieldy, unmanageable and unable to give satisfaction to the public. It, therefore, recommended the setting up of separate compact municipal authorities, at convenient locations, each of which should be autonomous in its area to enable it to attend to the needs of the people in that area.

The re-structuring of Municipal Corporation of Delhi was discussed on 17.6.1992 with the leaders of various political parties and Members of Parliament from Delhi. On behalf of Congress-I party the view was evpressed that any division of the existing Municipal Corporation of Delhi would lead to multiplicity of authorities and insurmountable difficulties in matters of coordination of various subjects relating to provision of civic amenities. The representatives of CPI and Janta Dal were also of the view that there should be a unified civic set-up with one Municipal Corporation. On behalf of the Bartiya Janta Party, however, it was urged that the constitution of civic bodies should be left to the Legislative Assembly rather than to the Central Government. In any case, there should at least be four Municipal Corporations in place of the existing Municipal Corporation of Delhi i.e. East Delhi, North Delhi, South Delhi and Rural Delhi Corporations.

3. The question of re-structuring of the civic bodies in Delhi is under consideration of Government.

Dandakaranya project

*516. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure annually incurred on the Dandakaranya Development Scheme during the last three years;

(b) what are the various schemes which are being implemented; and

(c) by when these schemes are likely to be completed?